GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3622
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UTILIZATION OF FUNDS ALLOCATED UNDER NATIONAL AFFORESTATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated under National Afforestation Programme (NAP) during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the policy being followed in this regard;

(c) the extent of increase in forest cover as a result of the implementation of NAP;

(d) whether there is provision of any committee / institution to monitor and control the expenditure of the amount allocated under the NAP;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the manner in which the Government would ensure that the amount allocated under the above programme is spent under the appropriate head ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) and (b) The State-wise details of funds released to Forest Development Agencies (FDAs) under the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme during the last 3 years is given in the Annexure. For the current year (2005-06), a provision of Rs.280.85 Crores has been made including the allocation for the North Eastern States. The funds are released under NAP directly to the Forest Development Agencies constituted under NAP for afforestation and allied activities. No State-wise allocation of funds under NAP is made as it is a demand driven Scheme. Funds are released in a phased manner on the basis of submission of suitable Project proposals by the Forest Development Agencies (FDAs), and approval thereof by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(c) No specific study has been undertaken to assess the increase in forest cover due to implementation of NAP. However, the Ministry of Environment and Forests has assigned the responsibility to the Forest Survey of India to monitor area coverage of plantation/afforestation under NAP by adopting a scientific methodology.

(d),(e) and (f) Monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of the projects approved under NAP is an essential part of the Scheme. The State-level Coordination Committee and the National-level Steering Committee monitor the implementation of projects under the Scheme at the State and national level respectively. Besides, the Ministry of Environment and Forests also commissions independent evaluation of the NAP projects through reputed experts and organizations.

Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) and (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3622 DUE FOR REPLY ON 18.04.2005.

State-wise funds released under National Afforestation Programme during the last three years (2002-03 to 2004-05).

S.No.	State	Amount Released (Rs. In Crores)
1	Andhra Pradesh	33.00
2	Chhattisgarh	33.59
3	Gujarat	15.84
4	Haryana	25.8
5	Himachal Pradesh	18.15
6	Jammu & Kashmir	16.22
7	Karnataka	52.41
8	Madhya Pradesh	41.91
9	Maharashtra	29.9
10	Orissa	30.36
11	Punjab	2.13
12	Rajasthan	14.81
13	Tamil Nadu	36.52
14	Uttar Pradesh	59.51

15 Uttaranchal 18.69
16 Goa 0.64
17 Jharkhand 19.29
18 Bihar 4.62
19 Kerala 5.57
20 West Bengal 13.84
Total (Other States) 472.80
21 Arunachal Pradesh 8.01
22 Assam 13.57
23 Manipur 12.91
24 Nagaland 23.05
25 Sikkim 11.76
26 Tripura 11.78
27 Mizoram 35.91
28 Meghalaya# 2.45
Total (NE States) 119.44
G. Total 592.24